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SUBJECT: RWANDA: REVIEWING THE OPTIONS

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 3024 B) PARIS 13792

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: WE SPOKE ON MAY 24 WITH SENIOR GOF  
AFRICANISTS AT THE QUAI AND DEFENSE MINISTRY CONCERNING  
THE NEXT STEPS IN RWANDA FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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END SUMMARY.

3. ON MAY 24 WE SPOKE SEPARATELY WITH COL. MICHEL RIGOT, AFRICAN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO DEFENSE MINISTER LEOTARD; THE QUAI AFRICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR DE LA SABLIERE AND CATHERINE BOIVINEAU, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA, CONCERNING NEXT STEPS IN RWANDA. DE LA SABLIERE, AFTER NOTING THE COLLAPSE OF THE PROPOSED TALKS IN ARUSHA, THE CONTINUED RPF OFFENSIVE, AND THE RETICENCE OF MANY STATES TO PROVIDE TROOPS FOR AN EXPANDED UNAMIR FORCE (IN THE ABSENCE OF A CEASE FIRE), SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE TIME HAS COME

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FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO CONSIDER A CHAPTER VII EFFORT  
IN RWANDA IN ORDER TO PREVENT A HUTU "FINAL SOLUTION."

KIGALI AIRPORT  
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4. RIGOT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY AND OPINED THAT THE RPF WILL NEED NOT ONLY TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT BUT ALSO SEVERAL KILOMETERS OF THE SURROUNDING AREAS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ATTACKS ON AIRCRAFT BY HUTU ARMY UNITS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE RPF MIGHT BE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FLIGHTS TO LAND "IF ONLY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS." HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE RPF DEMONSTRATES FULL CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT, THE UN AND DONORS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY.

THE RPF OFFENSIVE  
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5. ALL THREE INTERLOCUTORS STRESSED THAT THE GOF IS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RPF WILL

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NOT/NOT STOP ITS OFFENSIVE AT KIGALI, BUT RATHER WILL UNCLASSIFIED  
ATTEMPT TO MOVE INTO SOUTHERN RWANDA AREAS DOMINATED BY  
HUTU MODERATES. IN THE FRENCH VIEW, SUCH AN AREA COULD  
SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR A RPF-HUTU MODERATE COALITION  
GOVERNMENT. BOIVINEAU IN PARTICULAR STRESSED THAT THE  
GOF DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ADHESION OF "SEVERAL HUTU  
PERSONALITIES" TO AN RPF-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT IS  
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POLITICALLY TENABLE -- SUCH "QUISLINGS" AND THEIR  
FAMILIES WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TARGETED FOR ATTACKS BY  
HUTU EXTREMISTS. IN ADDITION, SHE PREDICTED, NORTHERN  
HUTUS AND MILITIAS WOULD QUICKLY ORGANIZE A TERRORIST  
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT -- MAKING THE COUNTRY UNGOVERNABLE  
FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS  
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6. IN THE ABSENCE OF A CEASE-FIRE, BOIVINEAU NOTED THAT THE SUGGESTION OF EX-MINISTER OF HEALTH KOUCHNER CONCERNING THE EVACUATION OF TRAPPED CIVILIAN POPULATIONS FROM KIGALI AND OTHER AREAS HAD BECOME MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THE GOF. DE LA SABLIERE NOTED THAT DURING THE VISIT LAST WEEK TO THE REGION BY JUNIOR HEALTH MINISTER DOUSET-BLAZY, THE QUESTION HAD BEEN EXPLORED WITH UNAMIR COMMANDER GEN. DALLAIRE. THE GOF BELIEVES THAT DALLAIRE HAS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A DANGEROUS AND COMPLICATED TASK. DE LA SABLIERE STRESSED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A CEASE-FIRE, SUCH AN OPERATION COULD BE CONDUCTED ONLY/ONLY IF BOTH SIDES AGREED.

7. WHEN WE RAISED THIS SUGGESTION WITH RIGOT, HE WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC THAT THE UN COULD ASSEMBLE AND TRANSPORT ENOUGH MANPOWER AND ARMORED VEHICLES TO CARRY OUT SUCH AN OPERATION SAFELY AND WITHIN THE TIME NECESSARY. HE NOTED, AS AN EXAMPLE, THAT FRANCE HAS

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MUSEVENI REDUX

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8. AFTER THE STANDARD GOF VIEW OF PRESIDENT MUSEVENI'S  
ROLE IN PERMITTING THE RPF OFFENSIVE TO CONTINUE,

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9. IN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON WHAT HAD CAUSED THE FAILURE  
OF THE PROPOSED MAY 24 TALKS IN ARUSHA, BOIVINEAU NOTED  
THAT THE QUAI HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY MORE  
SOLID DETAILS THAN WERE CONTAINED IN REF (A).

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TARNOFF VISIT

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10. WE ASKED IF THE QUAI INTENDED TO RAISE RWANDA  
DURING THE VISIT LATER THIS WEEK OF UNDER SECRETARY  
TARNOFF TO PARIS. AFTER CHECKING WITH SECRETARY  
GENERAL DUFOURCQ'S STAFF, WE WERE ASSURED THAT RWANDA  
HAS BEEN PLACED NEAR THE TOP OF THE LIST FOR HIS MAY 27

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MEETING WITH TARNOFF.

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